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Appl. No.: 10/525,540

Amdt. Dated June 22, 2007

Response to Office Action Mailed March 22, 2007

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application. It is noted that the examiner has determined that claims 3, 4-6, 8 and 10-20 are not rejected, but are objected to as begin dependent upon a rejected base claim, and are found to be allowable if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the amendments above, claims 3, 4-6, 8, and 10-20 have accordingly been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No other amendments have been made to claims 3, 4-6, 8, and 10-20. Accordingly, these claims should now be allowed.

All of the other claims, namely claims 1-2, 7, and 9, have been cancelled in the amendment presented above.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filing this communication, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

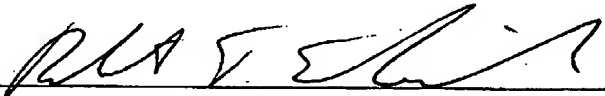
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